

## LIBRARY OPENS TO-DAY

Admits Public To-morrow, After Ceremonies This Afternoon.

VALUE EXCEEDS \$30,000,000

President Taft, Governor Dix and Mayor Gaynor to Take Part in Exercises.

Nearly nine years after the cornerstone was laid by Mayor Seth Low, the formal opening ceremonies of the New York Public Library will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and to-morrow morning the general public will be admitted for the first time to the building. The ceremonies this afternoon will be held in the main lobby, fronting on Fifth avenue, and admission will be by special invitation only, mission will be by special invitation only, mission will be by special invitation only.

President Taft, Mayor Gaynor and Governor Dix will all take part in the ceremonies to-day. The opening prayer will be by Bishop Greer and the benediction by Archbishop Farley. After the prayer by Bishop Greer Thomas Hastings, of Carle & Hastings, the architects of the building, will deliver the keys to the care of the city. It was intended to have this ceremony performed by John B. Stover, who was the principal spirit in the desiring of the building, but he was run down by a taxi and died before he could see the completion of his greatest work.

Park Commissioner Stover will make the speech in reply to Mr. Hastings, and the Mayor will follow with another response for the people of the city. John B. Stover, who is now ninety-three years old, president of the New York Public Library, will make a short speech, and George L. Rives, one of the trustees, will make the historical address, telling of the founding of the three branches, which are now combined under one roof and the inception of the present building. Governor Dix will follow Mr. Rives with a speech on behalf of the state, and the last speaker will be the President.

Though only six hundred persons will be admitted to the opening ceremonies, invitations have been issued to some fifteen hundred others to inspect the building after the formal ceremonies of opening. The greatest care has been taken in issuing these cards, and it is announced that no cameras, canes or umbrellas can be carried into the building.

The new library, which has been nine years under construction, has already cost \$10,000,000, and it is estimated that \$20,000,000 will be spent on it before it is finished, while the land on which it stands is valued at \$20,000,000. It is a merging of the Astor Library, which was incorporated in 1849; the Lenox Library, incorporated in 1870, and the Tilden Trust, incorporated in 1887. The total endowment of the three foundations is \$24,445,000, and the new institution will start with \$73,000,000 on its shelves. In the next twenty-five years it is expected that 4,000,000 more books will be added, while provision has been made to increase the present card index of 3,000,000 cards to 10,000,000 cards.

The new library is the largest single building in the world devoted to library purposes. It has a floor space of 375,000 square feet, as against 346,000 square feet in the Library of Congress, in Washington. The architecture is a blend of the Italian and French Renaissance, and it is said by the critics to exceed any other building of its nature in the world for combined beauty and utility. The building is a masterpiece of convenience is believed to be without equal. There is a reading room for the blind, a room for the children, with diminutive chairs and tables, and there are eight private rooms for the use of scholars.

The main reading room, on the top floor, at the rear, is 295 feet long, 77 feet wide and 60 feet high, with the ceiling painted to resemble the sky with drifting clouds.

W. H. DRAYTON, 3D, DIVORCED

Reported He Will Wed Philadelphia Artist When She Gets Decree.

(By Telegraph to the Tribune.) Philadelphia, May 22.—Mrs. Phoebe S. Drayton in Common Pleas Court to-day obtained a divorce from W. Hayward Drayton, 1d, one of the best known men in Philadelphia social and club life.

It is stated that Mr. Drayton will marry Mrs. George Gebhart, a well-known artist of this city, directly after she obtains a final decree of divorce, which is expected within a few days.

Mrs. Drayton is a daughter of Theodore Voorhes, vice-president of the Philadelphia Reading Railroad, and is also prominent in Philadelphia society. She married Mr. Drayton about eleven years ago.

LONG WILL CONTEST PROMISED

Counsel for Ole Bull's Daughter Says It Has Hardly Begun.

Alfred, Me., May 22.—There is no end in sight to the number of witnesses which the attorney for Mrs. Ole Bull, Vaughn, the contestant, proposes to put upon the stand in the hearing on the contested will of Mrs. Ole Bull, widow of the famous violinist. Unless the case takes an unexpected turn before the hearing was resumed this afternoon, after a recess since Thursday, Sherman Whipple, of Boston, counsel for Mrs. Vaughn, who is conducting the examination, stated that he had hardly begun to produce the amount of evidence expected.

Charles K. Cobb, of Boston, counsel for the will, said his side would endeavor to put in as much as the contestants, and it will be plenty interesting," he added.

More of the correspondence between Mrs. Bull and Mrs. Abbie Shipley, of Lebanon, was introduced when the hearing in the case was resumed to-day. These letters, some of which were written six years before Mrs. Bull's death, were introduced to Mrs. Cobb at the beginning of the testimony of Joseph G. Thorpe, her former intimate friend, who testified that he had seen Mrs. Bull on the stand all the afternoon, reading the letters and answering the queries of the attorneys. An autobiography of Mrs. Bull will be introduced to-morrow.

For the first time Mrs. Whipple charged fraud and undue influence on the part of Dr. Bose, of India, and Mrs. Barton Briggs, of Boston.

60,000 MORE FOR Y. M. C. A. HOTEL.

(By Telegraph to the Tribune.) Chicago, May 22.—Chicago moved \$50,000 nearer to a cheap hotel for men, to be conducted by the Young Men's Christian Association, to-day, when Norman W. Harris, president of the Harris Trust and Savings Bank, and member of the International Committee, announced that the Young Men's Christian Association, added \$50,000 to the \$10,000 subscribed by Julius Rosenberg. Both gifts require that \$500,000 be raised within a year.

SEN. CULLOM WRITING A BOOK.

Washington, May 22.—Senator Cullom has been devoting the leisure moments of his busy day to the writing of a book on the "History of the United States in the Nineteenth Century." The work will be illustrated and will cover the last fifty years of American history. The last five years of the life of the senator have been identified with an active capacity.

THIS PARK WILL CHECK BABIES.

Park Commissioner Stover, which opened last Saturday, will install a nursery, where babies will be cared for while their parents enjoy the attractions for grown folks. A lot of trained nurses will be in constant attendance. Checks will be issued as each child is admitted to the nursery, in order that no confusion may result when it comes to claiming the babies at the time of departure. An abundance of toys will be provided for the youngsters.

## FEMININE JURY DISAGREES

Plaintiff Gets Damages at Mock Trial, However.

When women become judges and jurors and clerks of courts and so on, will they agitate the air with little white fans when they conduct trials on hot days? That was what the Good Government Club did yesterday at the Hotel Astor when it played at having a trial for damages, but really and truly the fluttering fans were the only feminine touch—those and the plaintiff's hysterics.

Mrs. Florence Frohwein was the plaintiff, and she was injured by a street car on January 1. She came into court on crutches, suffering from a fractured tibia, concussion of the spine and various other injuries—according to the testimony of her physicians.

The Manhattan Street Railway's physician said she had just a few scratches, but the nervous spasms which interrupted her testimony impressed the jury to the extent of a verdict for \$20,000. Mrs. Gerard Frohwein, the foreman, mentioned after announcing the verdict that the jurors were against it, but Judge (Mrs.) Harry Hastings didn't seem to think that made any difference. There were thirteen jurors, by the way, but they called themselves twelve and felt very legal.

Extremely legal, too, were Mrs. J. Hunzinger, attorney for the plaintiff, and Mrs. Belle de Rivera, counsel for the defendant. They badgered witnesses and glared at each other and hurled objections at Judge Hastings to such an extent that the only male creature around—a hotel usher, who was the principal spirit in the desiring of the building, but he was run down by a taxi and died before he could see the completion of his greatest work.

The Good Government Club is a conscientious organization which does things for purposes of self education, and while the fluttering of fans and the giggles which at times filled the courtroom might have misled thoughtless observers into supposing the women were merely having a good time, there was but one thought in their breasts and that was to prepare themselves for the time when women shall hold office. All the papers in the case were made out in correct legal form, and Mrs. Harry Hastings had borrowed a judge's gown for the occasion.

## FOR YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS

Women's Professional League May Utilize Their Stage.

Writers of plays who find managers unsympathetic will have a friend hereafter in the Professional Women's League. There is a nice little stage at the league rooms, at No. 190 Broadway, a stage which theatrical companies have frequently made use of for rough rehearsals, and on this stage the league proposes to bring out, from time to time, things by young playwrights who have more talent than influence.

This step is in line with the work of the league in helping young artists who haven't much money with costumes for their first appearance, etc.

As Miss Amelia Bingham is out of town, Miss Kate L. Crystal presided at the meeting of the league yesterday. Miss Malda Craigen is attending to many of the details of the plan for presenting plays.

## OPERA IN PEOPLE'S THEATRE

New Company's "Aida" Does Credit to Zuro, the Director.

The new grand opera company, Louis Zuro, director, began its season in the People's Theatre last night with a performance of "Aida." The season opened with every promise of success, as the audience was as large as the theatre could contain and was wildly enthusiastic. In addition, the production was one of the best at popular prices New York recently has seen.

First honors go to Joseph Zuro, for the spirit with which he inspired his orchestra, composed of the finest musicians of the Manhattan and Metropolitan Opera House choruses. The title role was sung by Miss Dianetta Alvina, and sung well, with clear tone and admirable phrasing. Miss Alice Gentile, too, was excellent as Amneris, especially in her upper tones.

Werner Albert was a sweet if not over-powerful voiced Rhadames, and both Mr. Pimazzoni as Amneris and Mr. Gravina as Ramfis were amply adequate.

## VARIETY HOUSES.

Miss Eva Tanguay drew crowded houses to the Columbia Theatre yesterday.

Gus Edwards' "Song Revue" heads an excellent bill at the Alhambra this week.

The Columbia Burlesques have a two-act musical piece which they are giving successfully at the Columbia Theatre.

The second week of the "Goldfishers" session at the Fifth Avenue Theatre began with large audience yesterday.

Joe Johnson, heavyweight champion pugilist, is the chief attraction at Hammerstein's Victoria Theatre.

## THEATRICAL NOTES.

"The City," Clyde Fitch's last play, was acted twice at the Academy of Music yesterday by the regular stock company.

Daniel Frohman has purchased from a new American writer an original American comedy entitled "The Neighbor's Wife," which he will produce at the Lyceum Theatre about September 1, with Arthur Byron, Frederick Todd, Pamela Guthorne and Alice John in the leading parts.

The second novel of George H. Brennan, the theatrical manager, is entitled "Anna Halcyon," and has just been published by Mitchell Kennerly.

Daniel Frohman has engaged Miss Nelly Roland, a young actress from Vienna, to appear in the leading role of "The Seven Sisters" during its summer run in Chicago. Next winter Miss Roland will appear under the Frohman management in Vienna and other Austrian towns, playing the leading role in the same piece with a popular Austrian actor.

One of the first productions to be made by Messrs. Cobb and Harris next season will be a play entitled "The Red Widow." The authors of the book and lyrics of this piece are Channing Pollock and Renold Wolf. Charles J. Gebert has furnished the musical score.

Low Fields will close his engagement in "The Hen-Pecks" at the Broadway Theatre on a vacation. He is to give his company a vacation. He is to give his company a vacation. He is to give his company a vacation.

The Theatre Club is to meet at the Hotel Waldorf on Monday night, May 22, at 8 o'clock, to read a paper on "The Relation of the Church to the Stage." W. C. DeMille is to discuss the subject, and Francis Wilson's subject will be "The Child on the Stage."

## NEW YORK FROM THE SUBURBS.

New York City officials had some fault with the plans of the canal men for the future of the city. New York has so much to gain from the canal that petty opposition on the ground of loss of revenue from dock rentals appears very short sighted.—Buffalo Express.

The New Yorkers would save water by bathing in the whiskey they drink and the cheese wouldn't hurt them.—Columbia State.

New York is having another police shake-up. And still they wonder that crime is increasing there. If the Gotham administration would devote less time to politics and more to law enforcement it would be a safer town.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Mayor Gaynor boasts that the ex-lax law is enforced better in New York than in any other city in the state. When it comes to comparisons of the enforcement of the ex-lax law, Rochester is from Missouri.—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

## TALENTED L'EUFANT

President Speaks in Eulogy of French Engineer.

AT MEMORIAL'S UNVEILING

Senator Root and Ambassador Jusserand Also Pay Tribute to Man Who Planned Capital.

Washington, May 22.—On a green knoll in front of the old Lee mansion in Arlington Cemetery, overlooking the broad Potomac and the capital, a memorial was unveiled to-day to Major Pierre Charles L'Eufant, the French engineer to whose prophetic vision Washington owes its broad avenues and its symmetry of design.

President Taft, Ambassador Jusserand, of France, and Senator Root, of New York, spoke in eulogy of Major L'Eufant. The ribbons of red, white and blue that bound the American flag to the marble face of the memorial were lifted by Miss Eleanor Carroll Moran, great-granddaughter of William Dudley Digges, in whose home L'Eufant found refuge when he was dismissed from the service of this government. Monsignor Russell, of St. Patrick's Cathedral Church, made the invocation and pronounced the benediction.

"There are not many," said President Taft, "who have waited one hundred years to receive the reward to which they are entitled, until the world shall make the progress which enables it to pay the just reward. The man whose memory we celebrate to-day had a highly artistic temperament, and he had the defects which not infrequently accompany that temperament; and it is that fact which has obscured at times and in some degree the merit of what he did, and lessened the gratitude we owe him for what he did."

"L'Eufant will now lie here appropriately in state and in rest with the gratitude of the nation that he served so well."

Senator Root declared that Washington is being extended more in accord with the ideas of real estate men than in accord with those of lovers of art. "It would be much better now," said the Senator, "if we were to follow the ideas of L'Eufant in extending Washington. Extensions are made on the basis of real estate operations instead of a basis of art. No plan is followed, no adequate provision for those vistas and points of vantage for which L'Eufant so carefully arranged. A true memorial would be an imitation of his plan. While we pay him honor may we not forget the lesson he taught."

"L'Eufant died obscure. According to the prevailing standards of life he died a failure. He went to an unknown grave. But a century now has passed away, and a name marks the reverence among great people of the principles of art which he stood."

Ambassador Jusserand referred to the death of Minister of War Bertheaux, "Bertheaux," said he, "was a man like L'Eufant. He died a victim of the new invention, the aeroplane, in which he was much interested. We in France cannot forget the way in which your President expressed his grief at that sad accident. We are very much moved in the Republic of France by it, for it shows more than ever that your joys are our joys and your sorrows are our sorrows."

"With the mind of a poet, with the soul of a prophet, perceiving future ages as clearly as if they were the present, a man foresaw, over a century ago, what a monument which a generous vote of Congress allows us to erect to-day. Major Pierre Charles L'Eufant."

The speaker told dramatically the story of how L'Eufant, the Parisian-born son of a royal painter, holding the rank of lieutenant of engineers in the French army, came to America in one of the ships of Beaumarchais's mythical firm of "Horlaizer & Co." and cast his fortunes as an architect in this country.

"L'Eufant had not dreamed of that; he had foreseen it much more. The city he planned was meant, not for men of his day, but for those of ours; and when the time shall come that people will wonder at our own wonder at the rapid expansion of this country, when the hundred million inhabitants of to-day will look back at a petty number, still L'Eufant's plan will hold good, and for our successors, as for us, he might be able to say, 'For you it was that I worked.'"

## NEW ARGENTINE CONSUL HERE.

Buenos Ayres, May 22.—José Vicente Fernandez, Consul General for New York for the Argentine Republic, has been transferred to Montevideo. Abel Pardo has been appointed to succeed him.

## REPRESENTATIVE KENT'S DENIAL.

The Tribune yesterday received the following letter from Congressman William Kent, postmarked Greensboro, N. C., May 21, 1911:

Editor New-York Tribune, 154 Nassau St., New York City.

Sir: In the New-York Tribune issue of May 19, 1911, there appeared an article which contained several distinct libels on me, among them being the following:

"It is alleged that the Senate Committee on Judiciary is investigating a charge on me of an alleged plan to place Mr. C. W. Cobb in the Interior Department, in order to prevent the prosecution of a certain individual."

"Cobb is a corporation, who has just concluded a three days' visit to this city, will make a tour of Japan similar to the peace crusade of the French statesman among the universities and other educational institutions in this country. The date for his departure for the Far East has not been set. Baron de Constant will sail for Europe on June 5."

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## FEAR FOR AUSTRIAN RULER

Reports Fail to Reassure Vienna—Bourse Weakens.

Vienna, May 22.—Notwithstanding the reassuring official reports concerning the Emperor's health, there is a widespread feeling that his condition is less satisfactory than represented. The news that Professor Neusser had paid a professional visit to the Emperor resulted to-day in a weakening of the Bourse.

Gondolone, May 22.—Professor Neusser, whose arrival at the royal chateau near where Emperor Francis Joseph is sojourning, caused some alarm, is satisfied with the Emperor's condition that he left to-day for the Austrian capital.

His majesty took a three hours' walk in the park surrounding the chateau this morning, and on returning received in audience Baron von Blenher, the Austrian Prime Minister.

## PREMIERS LUNCH WITH KING

Imperial Conference in London Given Formal Inauguration.

London, May 22.—The Imperial Conference was formally inaugurated by a luncheon at Buckingham Palace this afternoon, at which King George and Queen Mary entertained the visiting colonial Premiers and their wives and daughters. Most of the members of royalty now in London were present, as were Premier Asquith and Mrs. Asquith and the officials of the Colonial Office.

King George, who is intensely interested in colonial matters and who is personally intimate with them through his visits to the colonies, was markedly attentive to the visiting statesmen. The conferences will open to-morrow.

Premier Asquith gave a dinner to-night to the colonial premiers and ministers at No. 10 Downing street. This was followed by a reception at the Foreign Office, which was attended by two thousand guests, representing official and social life in every phase of politics. In the absence of Mrs. Asquith, Mrs. Harcourt, wife of the Colonial Secretary, acted as hostess.

## CHURCH WORKERS ENDING TOUR

Messrs. Mott and McBee Confer with Sir Edward Grey—Sail To-day.

London, May 22.—John R. Mott, of New York, general secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation, and Silas McBee, editor of "The Churchman," who were recently received by the King, had a conference this afternoon with Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary, with whom they discussed their visit to the missions in the Near East.

During the last week Messrs. Mott and McBee, Bishop Lambuth and the Rev. Arthur J. Brown, secretary of the Protestant Board of Foreign Missions, have been attending the first annual meeting of the committee appointed by the World's Missionary Conference at Edinburgh to consider more uniform co-operation among the missionaries of the world. The committee has decided to publish an international review of the missions, and has also asked Mr. Mott to devote more time to organization.

The Americans will leave for the United States by the steamer Cayonia, which sails from Liverpool to-morrow.

## GUSTAV MAHLER BURIED

Musical and Artistic Celebrities of Vienna Attend Simple Service.

Vienna, May 22.—In the presence of a great gathering composed of the leading members of musical and artistic circles, Gustav Mahler, the eminent composer, who died on May 18 of angina pectoris, was buried this afternoon in the Grinzing cemetery. In conformity with the express wish of the composer, the ceremony was of the simplest character. There were no speeches at the graveside. The musical portion of the service was rendered by the chorus of the Imperial Opera.

## SUFFRAGETTE FARM ON STAGE

Mrs. Belmont's Enterprise To Be Reproduced at Roof Garden.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont's suffragette farm is to be reproduced at Hammerstein's roof garden. William Hammerstein was quick to see the theatrical value in Mrs. Belmont's project and at once set about to have that portion of his roof garden known as "The Old Farm" converted into an exact duplicate of Mrs. Belmont's property. He has even gone so far as to engage two of Mrs. Belmont's suffragette farmers, the Misses Kathryn and Frances Schelm, of No. 35 South 24 street, Brooklyn.

There will be a truck garden, with a suffragette chad in overalls and tumber weeding lettuce and radishes and training hills of beans. Adjoining the farmhouse there is to be a dairy. There milkmaids who are strong for the cause. All the milking and churning the milk into butter and cheese. Next to the dairy will be built a blacksmith and wheelwright shop, and a wheat field and thrashing machine will be shown.

## PORCELAIN COMPANIES MERGED

New Jersey Corporation Takes Over Four Ohio Plants.

East Liverpool, Ohio, May 22.—That all but one of the porcelain companies in this city have been consolidated became known here to-day by the filing of deeds at Lis-bell Ohio, transferring for a nominal consideration the properties of the various porcelain companies to the General Porcelain Company, incorporated in New Jersey about ten days ago.

The merged companies are the Ohio Porcelain Company, the George F. Brunt Porcelain Company, the Anderson Porcelain Company, and the Electric Porcelain Company. J. H. Parker, of Boston, is said to be the executive head of the General Porcelain Company.

## DE CONSTANT GOING TO JAPAN.

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